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APPLICATION OF: GROHMAN, Martin

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HIDDEN DECK FASTENER SYSTEM

Art Unit: 3635

Docket No. 33105

Examiner: CANFIELD, Robert

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

1. I, the inventor named in the above-referenced patent application, make this declaration to establish that I conceived and reduced to practice the claimed subject matter at a date prior to January 3, 2002.

2. My conception and reduction to practice of the claimed subject matter at a date prior to January 3, 2002, is evidenced by the drawing attached hereto as Exhibit A. The dates on Exhibit A have been blocked out. However, I declare that these dates are earlier than January 3, 2002, and they show I invented the claimed subject matter prior to January 3, 2002. The drawing illustrates the various board configurations, fastener configurations, and dimensions recited in the claims of the above-referenced patent application.

3. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.



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fastener M Grohman Drawn by With Groove for Hidden Fastener
Ship to Poly-Plating Inc. for
Poly-Ond Fifth & Final Die Section Outlet Detail CAGE CODE DWG NO 1025-50-003

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